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listeners can do justice to. One of the best of them was last night's meeting at Cooper Union, at which the independent Republican element was largely represented. President Seelye, Charles Francis Adams, Jr., Wayne McVeigh, and Braxton Ives spoke, and their speeches are reported elsewhere. To-night Channing M. Depew will speak at Coney Island Hall before the Republican Central Campaign Club.

Yesterday's meeting of business men in Wall-st. was probably the largest and most earnest public meeting held on the historic ground in front of the Sub-Treasury since the War or the Union. Indeed, it may well be questioned whether even the great meetings of war times exceeded it, inasmuch as every available inch of space was filled. Large delegations of business men marched from various parts of the city to the meeting, and the gathering was, in all, a most impressive one. Colonel Loper's speech, of which we gave a full report, was received with great enthusiasm. The whole demonstration was a bright contrast to the recent appearance of Mr. August Belmont and a battalion of cotton brokers who tried to make a show of strength in the commercial world for the highly decorated and already defunct candidate of Governor's Island.

William H. Wickham, once Mayor of New-York, is always being mentioned as a very good Democrat, and Mr. Wickham signs the call for the non-partisan meeting to-night at Cooper Institute, to decide as to whether there shall be "no theater in New-York," and that we shall have "non-sectarian public schools." Henry Havemeyer, Samuel J. Tilden's friend, has been regarded as a steady-going Democrat, and Mr. Havemeyer signs the call for the election of William Dowd as Mayor, George W. Quinn, Alfred T. Aker, Russell Bush, and other well-known Democrats take part in this protest. Letting the meeting be the emphatic declaration of the will of the citizens of New-York, without regard to differences of opinion in National issues, that a single sect should not grasp three-fourths of the votes in the body which decides the appointment of the public school funds.

The Irish agitation continues to assume a graver aspect daily. Mr. Patrick has answered the threatened prosecutions by using language which implies that he would recommend armed force if he thought it had a fair chance of success. The British Government still apparently estimates with a view to military control or occupation. Public opinion in England favors harsh measures, but the Conservatives, who are the most dangerous for that cause, would be the first to rejoice at seeing the Government involved in the perplexities which attend State trials in Ireland. It would tend to render the situation clearer if Mr. Gladstone would say what remedies, if any, he intends to propose for the Irish evil. It is probable that he is not altogether adverse to such agitation as will give his party just reason for instituting radical reforms.

We commend to those Democrats who are still prepared to vote for Mr. Grace for Mayor of New-York because he received the nomination of his party, the addition of a few facts respecting his record elsewhere. We beg them especially to read the only defence which has yet been made to the Tribune's charges—the letter from Mr. Coakley. If it is the best answer Mr. Grace can make, it would have been better not to have answered at all. We beg them also to read the letter of the British Vice-Consul at Callao, now Consul, and notice his account of the relations of Mr. Grace's brother and partner to certain corrupt transactions there. Lastly, we beg them to observe and ponder the declaration of Mr. John S. Tappan, vice-president of the United Mutual Marine Insurance Company, that the Tribune's statements concerning Mr. Grace have been well within the truth. Mr. Tappan had official knowledge of Mr. Grace's transactions at that time, and evidently does not think Mr. Grace fit to be Mayor of New-York. What do the honest voters think?

We are at the close of a Presidential campaign of extraordinary importance. Some voters there are, without doubt, who still hold their opinions in abeyance, waiting until all the facts have been presented and all the arguments laid before them at a final decision. Many more, unquestionably, started with firm belief that General Hancock and the Democratic party ought to succeed, who have found that belief shaken by the course of events and the reasons submitted, and who are to-day in a position of doubt. There has been no other political campaign for many years in which there was proof of so great a change of opinions during its progress, as there has been within the last month. To the voters who still hesitate, one consideration may now with reason be presented.

Have not the events of the campaign made it clear that the Democratic party, as now constituted, is the party of false pretences and fraud? Has not the course of the contest made it plain that the Democratic party is dishonest in its professions and methods, and unworthy of the confidence of voters who mean to do the best they can for their country?

At the outset, the Democratic party resorted to a false pretence, in putting great stress upon the issue of the disputed election in 1876, while it exposed its own insincerity by refusing a nomination to the candidate who was alleged to have been then defrauded. Fair men have had good reason to consider what, in keeping up the charge of fraud in 1876, the Democrats were not guilty of rank hypocrisy. And again, at the outset the Democrats professed to be in favor of hard money, and yet they have spared no effort at any time to effect a trade with the extreme soft-money men, in Maine, Virginia, Indiana and elsewhere. And again, from the beginning of the contest the air has been filled with false stories of the refusal of Republicans to support General Garfield, when the fact is that no candidate ever has been more warmly, zealously and unitedly supported by his whole party. The falsifiers even went so far as to report all over the country that General Grant had said that he would vote for Hancock, and that Senators Conkling and Cameron were making no real effort for the Presidential ticket. But the speeches of General Grant and Senator Conkling, and the work done in New-York and Pennsylvania, while showing that these stories were false from the beginning, have only led the Democrats to circulate other and equally false stories about Republicans of less note.

The conduct of the Democratic party as to the tariff question has been essentially deceptive and dishonest throughout. Proclaiming at first the free trade purposes which really inspire the great majority of its members, the party made a nomination for the Presidency which was calculated and intended to give confidence in a few Eastern States that this profes-

sion was a mere hollow sham. Finding that not enough, the same party now tries to make the people believe, in the face of its record for forty years, its votes in Congress, and its platform of this very year, that it is really in favor of Protection—a Protection as complete as the Republican party itself has given.

Add to this resort to violence at the South, and to fraud everywhere, in support of a candidate who professes to desire "a free ballot and a fair count." After the frauds in Alabama and the frauds attempted in Indiana, and the brutal resort to force in doubtful Southern counties, surely the candid voters must be convinced that the Democratic professions in this respect are false and fraudulent. To crown all, this party tries to succeed by insinuation, at the very end of the contest, a forged letter, purporting to be by the Republican candidate. And even after the forgery has been proved, after the candidate has indignantly repudiated the letter, after the forgery has been arrested, the Democratic managers continue to circulate this letter, and some Democratic journals persist in pretending that it is genuine.

Is such a party worthy of the confidence of honest men? Is it worthy of the association and support of men who have any self-respect, decency, or sense of justice?

NEW-YORK IN CONGRESS.

The Republicans of this State have seldom presented a higher average of candidates for Congress than during the present campaign. It is true that they can hardly hope to gain on their present proportion of members, inasmuch as the delegation to the XLVth Congress was elected in that memorable year when the Republicans close 98 out of 128 Assemblymen, and the Democrats only one out of thirty-five Congressmen. That was a tide wave which even a Presidential vote may not repeat. But the Republican party can, through the high character of its members and the strong popular opinion in behalf of the Republican ticket, hold every District it carried then.

A remarkable proportion of the Republican candidates are Congressmen who have been recommended for faithful service. The list begins with S. B. Chittenden in the 11th District, and ends with Henry Van Arman in the XXXIId. Sixty-seven members in all, or one-half of the entire delegation, have been recommended by the Republican side. They are: besides those already mentioned, L. P. Morrill in the XIth, Gen. A. J. Ketchum in the XIVth, Walter A. Wood and John Hammond in the XXVth and XXVIth, and from the XXIIId to the XXXIId, a number of men of high repute. Among them are: Walter Miller, Cyrus D. Prentiss, Joseph Mason, Frank H. Johnson, John H. Camp, E. D. Loomis, Joseph W. Dwight, David P. Richardson, John Van Voorst, and Richard Crowley. A number of these gentlemen have been made in wise violation of the unique precedent which in the interior of this State too often limits a member to two terms. Mr. Hiseok triumphed over this rule in a locality where it has usually governed other officers, and Mr. Lapham, Mr. Camp, and Mr. Dwight were also named in the field again in defiance of it. This principle has never existed to any extent in this and neighboring cities, and Mr. Conkling and General McCook do not have to contend with it. General Ketchum, in the Poughkeepsie District, has enjoyed the extraordinary honor of a third term in office. It is not necessary to call the roll of these names again to show which of these gentlemen have rendered special service to the country in the House of Representatives. Their works are known, and, above all, to their constituents. It is pleasant to be able to say, as we are entirely within bounds in doing, that the reflection of every re-nominated Republican Congressman is assured. That means a majority of the delegation, to begin with.

In the remaining Districts, as in these, the mere reading of the opposing names is sufficient to show which side presents the better candidate. In the 1st District the Republican candidate is ex-Senator John A. King, a man of public experience and mature wisdom, whose historic name is a guarantee of his character and ability. He has a considerable Democratic majority to contend against, but he will win, if the people of the District know enough to prefer a trained public man to a young politician of the calibre of Perry Belmont. In the 11th District the Republicans have endorsed Eugene O'Reilly, Independent Democrat, who is a candidate for reelection against a King Democrat. In the 12th District the voters have the chance to secure one of the best Congressmen they ever had—William W. Astor, a man who has always shown an active interest in the nation's affairs, and in the German population. Alexander Taylor, Jr., in the XIIth District, Charles T. Plerson in the XIVth, Thomas Cornell in the XVth, and S. O. Vanderpool in the XVIth, all have Democratic majorities to contend with, but all are working hard, and all are men of the kind who ought to be seen in Washington. The election of Abraham X. Parker in the XIXth District, George West in the XXth, Ferns Jacobs, Jr., in the XXIIth, and Myron P. Bush in the XXXIId, is assured.

New-York State did its best two years ago to win the House of Representatives back from the South. The Republicans of other States need have no fear that the splendid front it presented then will be broken on Tuesday. All our reports from Connecticut are of the most cheering character. In all parts of the State there are evidences of unbounded enthusiasm for the national and local candidates, and a fixed determination to wipe out the stain of defeat in 1876 and all traces of the period which brought Messrs. Eaton and Barnum into the United States Senate. The Presidential ticket has been strengthened by invariably good nominations for State officers, Congressmen, and the subordinate offices; the State Committee has done splendid work in organizing and conducting the canvass, and the party is thoroughly harmonious and united. But with all this, Connecticut Republicans must remember that the State is always close and doubtful; that they are confronted by a party as untiring as it is unscrupulous; and that they cannot afford to relax their efforts or omit any honest and honorable means—and they will use no other—to secure the victory within their grasp. There is good reason to believe that these last two or three days of the campaign will be devoted to the most desperate endeavors on the part of the Democrats of Connecticut to turn the tide so manifestly setting against them, and save that State at least out of the general wreck of their fortunes. Mr. English, their unwelcome candidate for Governor, has his pride enlisted in the matter, and will spare nothing to save himself the mortification of defeat. It is known that the Democratic managers have money in abundance and that word has gone out that there is no limit to the supply nor any restrictions upon expenditure. Against the discouragement engendered by recent disasters they have the inspiration of an overflowing treasury and the desperation of men who are staking all upon a last chance. They have in addition the weight of Chairman Barnum's active cooperation, with the probability that for

the next two or three days he will give his personal attention to the Connecticut canvass. What that means the people of Connecticut, and for that matter of the whole country—since the disclosures of the past fortnight—do not need to be told.

In the circumstances we hope the Republicans of Connecticut will see the need of continual vigilance and persistent and unremitting activity from this time to the closing of the polls on Tuesday. There is need of special watchfulness against fraudulent voting and counting in the larger towns and cities, and against the manifold corrupt practices of the Democratic managers in the towns that are close and doubtful. Remember that the light is against an unscrupulous enemy with unusual resources at his command.

FREE TRADE IN NEW-JERSEY.

The Democratic leaders in New-Jersey are laboring desperately to prove that they repudiate the article of the Confederate Constitution favoring Free Trade, which the Cincinnati Convention adopted as a part of its platform. Fortunately, the voters of that State are intelligent, and